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May 06, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

51 May 6, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PARATRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for the Paratransit Program for Fiscal Year 2014-15 in the Third Supervisorial District and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements to provide paratransit services.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Paratransit Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2014-15 at an estimated cost of \$104,000. The Third Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following service areas: Agoura Hills, Rancho Los Amigos, and Topanga Canyon.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute agreements for paratransit services in the Third Supervisorial District with the cost and term as indicated: Agoura Hills Paratransit Service provided by the City of Agoura Hills at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$70,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (County of Los Angeles' total cost for paratransit service in the Third Supervisorial District under this 3-year agreement is \$210,000); Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (County of Los Angeles' total cost

for paratransit service in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 under this proposed 1-year agreement is \$347,000); and the Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service provided by the City of Los Angeles at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$24,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (County of Los Angeles' total cost for paratransit service in Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 under this proposed 3-year agreement is \$600,000).

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas of the Third Supervisorial District and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into new paratransit agreements with the Cities of Agoura Hills and Los Angeles and the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., for the provision of services.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by providing services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$104,000 for continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2014-15. This Paratransit Program contains agreements with multiple-year terms. This action only authorizes the Fiscal Year 2014-15 program costs incurred under these agreements. The future costs under these agreements will be submitted for your approval as part of future fiscal years' paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day, no-fault clause for termination.

The three existing agreements will expire on June 30, 2014. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into multiple-year agreements to continue these services for a combined Third Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2014-15 expenditure of \$104,000. The three agreements are for the following paratransit services: Agoura Hills Paratransit Service provided by the City of Agoura Hills at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$70,000; Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$10,000; and the Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service provided by the City of Los Angeles at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$24,000.

The Fiscal Year 2014-15 Paratransit Program Budget for the Third Supervisorial District totals \$104,000 for service agreements authorized by the Board's action. The enclosure lists these services with providers, terms, and the Third Supervisorial District's budget amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the Third Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On January 4, 1983, the Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, the Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas. Paratransit, also known as dial-a-ride, generally refers to curb-to-curb, demand response transit services in which the patron calls to reserve a ride. This type of service is typically available to elderly and disabled persons. In some areas, it is also available to the general public.

The agreements for the paratransit services are in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements are approved, as to form, by County Counsel prior to execution.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private (for-profit or nonprofit) transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination, and subsidies provided through grants, when available, from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies that allow the County to partner with them contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is used.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
PARATRANSIT SERVICES  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE-YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2014-15 BUDGET AMOUNT <sup>1</sup>	2015-16 BUDGET AMOUNT	2016-17 BUDGET AMOUNT
Agoura Hills	City of Agoura Hills <sup>2</sup>	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. <sup>2</sup>	1-YEAR	06/30/15	\$10,000		
Topanga Canyon	City of Los Angeles' Cityride <sup>2</sup>	3-YEAR	06/30/17	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$104,000</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>

  

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$104,000</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>
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NOTE:

- (1) This action only approves the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget amounts
- (2) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency